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SUBJ: PHOLOGOPITE MICA: GSA DISPOSALS

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATE 07MAR FROM MALAGASY MOFA CALLING ATTENTION TO DECISION BY USG TO SELL 150 TONS OF PHLOGOPITE MICA SPLITTINGS AS OF FEB74. NOTE INDICATES THAT THIS OPERATION ADDED TO SIMILAR SALE OF 170 TONS CARRIED OUT IN NOV73 THREATENS TO INUNDATE MARKET AND SERIOUSLY HANDICAP ANNUAL SALE OF 200 TONS OF MICA SPLITTINGS FROM MADAGASCAR TO U.S. NOTE ASKS EMBASSY TO CALL THIS TO ATTENTION OF COMP-ETENT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

2. ACCORDING REFTEL, GSA FY74 DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR PHLOGOPITE IS 103,000 LBS. BLOCK AND 360,000 LBS. SPLITTINGS. PLEASE IND-ICATE STATUS OF THESE DISPOSALS AND WHETHER FY74 DISPOSALS OF SPLITTINGS ACTUALLY BEING INCREASED ABOVE PREVIOUSLYINDICATED LEVEL AS CLAIMED IN MALAGASY NOTE. ALSO REQUEST ANY INFO WHICH COULD BE USED TO SHOW THAT GSA SALES ARE NOT SERIOUSLY INTER-RUPTING NORMAL US MARKET FOR MICA.

3. RE STATEMENT IN NOTE VERBALE THAT MADAGASCAR SELLS 200 TONS OF MICA SPLITTINGS ANNUALLY TO U.S., THIS IS NOT SUPPORTED BY
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GOMR EXPORT STATISTICS WHICH INDICATE TOTAL MICA SALES TO

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U.S. (INCLUDING BLOCK, SPLITTINGS AND CHIPS) HAVE BEEN AS FOL-
LOWS: 1971: 48 M.T.; 1972: 240 M.T. (OF WHICH ONLY 62 TONS WERE
SPLITTINGS); 1973: 97 M.T.
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